Grant to the Co-operative Society No. 1124 of Ezhupunnai South.

358 * **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Co-operative Society No. 1124 of Ezhupunnai South had applied for grant for a mating bull;

(*b*) whether the grant was given; and

(*c*) if the grant was not given, why it was refused?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) this does not arise.

Agricultural Farm at Alleppey.

359 * **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: With regard to the Agricultural Farm in Alleppey, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was it first established;

(*b*) what is the total expenditure hitherto incurred;

(*c*) what is the average annual income from, and the expenditure for, the same, and

(*d*) the object with which the farm was originally established?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Edavom 1086.

(*b*) Rs. 17,006.

(*c*) Average annual income Rs. 167.

Do. expenditure Rs. 663.

(*d*) To serve as an experimental and demonstration Farm.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Are the Government aware that all the neighbouring gardens are now better planted and better yielding?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Is there any necessity of continuing the farm at an annual loss of Rs. 500?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government experimental farms are not commercial concerns, Sir.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala cum Agastisvaram*): May I know the average annual income from the Demonstration Section of that farm?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, it is one and the same farm that serves the purposes of both experiment and demonstration.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I ask why the accounts of the Demonstration Section are not kept separate from the the Experimental Section of the farm?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, it is a farm which is intended to demonstrate that cocoanut can be cultivated in sandy tracts; Government consider that there is no need to split the farm accounts into different sections.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I ask whether cultivation of cocoanuts in sandy tracts is new to Travancore, nor requires any demonstration?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: To some extent it is new.

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